



Bunning, Mrs. Collins support private schools

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No matter who becomes the next Kentucky governor in November, Kentucky's independent colleges and universities are assured a friend in the Frankfort statehouse, according to official statements issued by both Jim Bunning and Martha Layne Collins.

The candidates released their statements of support through the Council of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities and its local affiliate Cumberland College, according to Cumberland president James H. Taylor.

Both candidates are familiar with the nature and function of private higher education. Bunning is a graduate of a private university, and both the husband and son of Mrs. Collins graduated from a Kentucky independent college.

Both Bunning and Mrs. Collins noted the importance of the independent college to Kentucky's higher education structure.

Bunning said, "With 15 percent of the students and 22 percent of the degrees granted in Kentucky, they (private colleges and universities) are vital to our educational effort."

Mrs. Collins stated, "The total enrollment in Kentucky's independent institutions of higher education is approaching 20,000 students. We should not lose sight of the fact that our independent colleges have a unique role, and through it make many major and valuable contributions to their students and to Kentucky."

Both the financial impact of the private institutions and their relief on the burdens of Kentucky taxpayers were emphasized by Bunning and Mrs. Collins.

According to Bunning, "What is really important is that every public official must be sensitive to the fact that private colleges and universities are a great and valuable state resource. To replace them would require the expenditure of hundreds of millions of tax dollars."

Mrs. Collins expressed a similar view. "We must have a strong dual system of higher education," she said. "As governor, I will work to ensure that an atmosphere exists in which both public and private institutions can flourish by assuring that the state considers the needs of private institutions in developing plans for student aid, on contracting services and other issues."

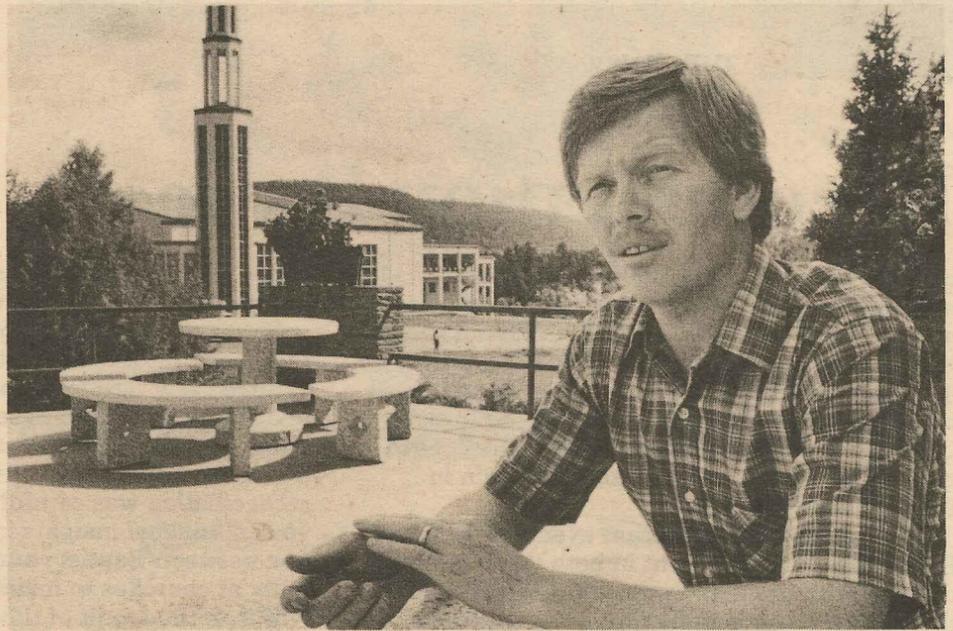
The candidates' views on the state's responsibility to meet the financial needs of Kentucky's students, no matter whether they choose to attend a public or private college or university, are much the same.

Mrs. Collins observed that more Kentucky students need to enroll in colleges and universities and that she will endeavor "to make it financially possible for more students to attend the institution of their choice by supporting adequate funding for the Kentucky Tuition Grant Program, the State Student Incentive Grant Program and the student loan program." She will also continue "to encourage Kentucky's congressional delegation to support student financial assistance at the federal level."

Bunning pledged financial support for the students and noted the importance of this support to providing indigenous leaders for Kentucky. "The continuation of grant programs directed to Kentucky students assures both access and choice. They are, further, the source of excellence in leadership for Kentucky's future. Young people who meet the high standards for graduation will stay in Kentucky as the managers, professionals and technical experts of the future."

Cumberland president Taylor expressed pleasure in the candidates' endorsements of Kentucky's private higher educational institutions.

"It is comforting to know in these times of uncertainty and financial turmoil these two outstanding candidates for governor of Kentucky are both courageous enough to take a stand in support of higher private education in Kentucky. With this publicly announced support, all of Kentucky's independent colleges and universities can rest assured that, for the next four years, they can grow, function and fulfill their unique and distinctive purposes alongside of, but independent from, our sister state educational institutions."



He's just going home

When Philip Flournoy was appointed a Southern Baptist missionary this summer at Glorieta, N. M. it meant he was going back to Brazil—where he grew up—to work with his missionary father in building prefabricated chapels—for struggling churches. [BP photo by Warren Johnson]

Recife relief

Crescent Hill will meet needs uniquely

by Marv Knox

Most members of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, never will see the final result of their "Together We Build" campaign.

That's because the church is sending a tithe of the money it raises to renovate its building to build a chapel at North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary in Recife.

The idea of raising \$100,000 on top of the \$1 million already needed to renovate the church's sanctuary and educational buildings was conceived by Crescent Hill pastor H. Stephen Shoemaker.

Shoemaker visited the Brazilian seminary earlier this year while preaching to Southern Baptist missionaries in North Brazil.

"At the time of the visit, I was struck by the tremendous need in Recife," the pastor recalls. "It's taking more and more of our Lottie Moon Christmas offerings and Cooperative Program funds just to sustain the work on our mission fields."

"It seems there is less and less money left over for capital needs."

So when a falling exterior and buckled floors forced Crescent Hill to plan for renovation, Shoemaker decided to unite his concerns for the Louisville church and the Recife seminary.

He led the congregation to approve a capital funding campaign which is 10 percent more than it needs—so the Brazilian seminary can have a chapel.

The church is working with the SBC Stewardship Commission in a "Together We Build" (TWB) campaign, targeted to raise up to \$1.25 million. The first \$85,000 of the church's tithe will fund the seminary's chapel, with the rest going to other mission needs.

The vote to tithe the renovation cam-

paign follows the church's recent shift toward "doing more direct mission work," Shoemaker noted. "We've begun to build a specific relationship with Baptists in North Brazil, and the personal nature of that relationship has generated terrific response to the need there."

Kenneth E. Hall, Crescent Hill's TWB campaign director, echoes his pastor's remarks.

"It is right for us to do this at this time," Hall explained. "While we're thinking about ourselves, we ought to be thinking about others, trying to meet this need."

Response to the project also has been favorable from the Foreign Mission Board.

"What you are doing illustrates that you clearly understand the nature of the church and the commission that Christ has given," FMB president R. Keith Parks wrote the congregation.

"The very nature of the church requires an obedience and reaching out to the whole world," Parks said. "I trust what you are doing will become a model for many others to duplicate."

"This is an exciting and innovative step which we hope will be an example to all Southern Baptists," added Thurmon E. Bryant, FMB director for eastern South America.

"We certainly are grateful to Crescent Hill for making possible the realization of a dream and a great need at the seminary in Recife," added David Mein, Southern Baptist missionary and president of the Brazilian seminary.

"May this experience be gratifying to the church also," Mein continued.

"May it bring a spiritual deepening in the lives of the people as they learn that they are having a part in training the future Baptist leadership of Brazil."

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C. R. Daley

Reconciliation is sweet

By coincidence a heart rending and a heart warming experience both took place in the sanctuary of the Perryville Baptist Church but they were six years apart. In 1977 South District Association meeting with Perryville Baptists withdrew fellowship from Beech Fork Baptist Church; in 1983 fellowship between the congregation and the association meeting again in Perryville was restored.

As a reporter of significant events in Kentucky Baptist life, I was present in both these historic meetings. In the first I was painfully present, in the second I was joyfully present. I deplored telling the story of ruptured fellowship six years ago, I rejoice in telling the story of the 1983 reconciliation.

The cause of the original rupture was ordination to the gospel ministry of a young woman by the Beech Fork Church. Ordination of a woman was too much for South District, one of the

oldest district associations in Kentucky and known historically for its orthodox stance.

First credit for the reconciliation belongs to the Beech Fork congregation and its pastor, Alan Witham. It's rare for a congregation which has been defellowshipped to seek restoration. The letter from Beech Fork last July to the associational executive committee which initiated the reconciliation was carefully composed. It revealed unusual insights into the value of association between Baptist churches and the responsibility of churches to maintain this relationship.

It is to the credit of the South District associational leaders that the Beech Fork congregation was not required to grovel in sackcloth and ashes. These leaders admitted they were not aware of all the facts in the situation when action was taken in 1977 and fuller knowledge led to the recommendation for readmission of Beech Fork.

Beech Fork had its supporters in the association, however, in 1977 as attested by the 64 messengers who voted against the withdrawal of fellowship. All these 64 did not necessarily approve ordination of women but felt the church was within its authority and that the issue was not worth a breach of fellowship.

Nor does the 1983 action restoring fellowship necessarily mean many minds have been changed since 1977 on this issue. It means fellow Baptists sat down to consider the cost of broken fellowship and love prevailed over other considerations. It was more a meeting of hearts than a meeting of minds and that's in line with New Testament Christianity and the best in Baptist tradition.

There are times when joyful tears and holy embraces are appropriate in Baptist meetings and this was one of those times. It was a beautiful thing to behold and to experience.

Crescent Hill is setting a worthy example

The Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, has contributed much to many people since its constitution in 1908. As the "seminary church" it is remembered by former students now scattered over the world as a model in worship, in preaching, in music, in fellowship and in a caring ministry.

A recent decision of the Crescent Hill congregation makes for a new chapter in its role as a model. In undertaking to raise a million dollars for major renovation of its present facilities the church decided to raise an additional \$100,000 for foreign missions. The first \$85,000 of the \$100,000 will go for construction of a chapel for the Baptist seminary in Recife, Brazil. (See page 1, this issue.)

The idea was born in the heart of Crescent Hill

pastor Stephen Shoemaker who visited Brazil to minister to missionaries and sensed the pressing need for a chapel for seminary students in Recife. This dream of the pastor has now become the dream of the congregation and has provided a new dimension for the fund drive.

Crescent Hill Baptists have a long standing reputation for a high level of giving and generous sharing of resources with mission causes. In the May 5, 1927 issue of Western Recorder, which was devoted to information on Baptists in Louisville and Kentucky for messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention which met in Louisville that year, there was a picture of the then newly constructed Crescent Hill facilities. The outline accompanying the picture credited the church with having the highest per capita giving

of any church in Kentucky and further said, "The church has not forgotten its missionary impetus by reason of its building programs."

The magnificent facilities of Baptist churches all over this land attest to the generosity of Baptists but we stand to be judged for the large share of every offering dollar we spend on ourselves. It can be argued that foreign missions receives a generous share of our Cooperative Program gifts and all of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering but it still seems if foreign missions rightfully gets a share of our regular offerings, it should likewise share in our special gifts for our own new or improved facilities.

We give thanks for such an inspiring example from pastor Shoemaker and the Crescent Hill congregation.

A false report that won't die

"Do not spread false reports" is one of the specific laws God gave Moses to set before his people (Ex. 23:1). This command is being disobeyed by conscientious people who are passing around a false report related to an alleged action of Madelyn O'Hair.

The fictitious report is in the form of a mimeographed, one page statement stating that famed atheist Madelyn Murray O'Hair has a petition before the Federal Communications Commission which would eliminate the broadcasting of religious programs on radio and television. The statement identifies this petition as RM 2493 and urges that readers sign a petition to be sent to the FCC to offset Mrs. O'Hair's efforts.

It sounds so authentic and so much like Mrs. O'Hair but it simply isn't so. Here are the facts:

In December 1974, two California men, Jeremy D. Lansman and Lorenzo W. Milam, filed petition RM 2493 with the Federal Communications Commission. The petition did NOT ask the prohibition of religious programs, but rather asked the FCC to freeze the issuing of new licenses for additional educational television and FM radio stations to individuals or groups planning to air only religious or quasi-religious programs.

Mrs. O'Hair had nothing at all to do with the petition—although she doubtless would have agreed with its request. She did NOT request a hearing before the FCC, and did NOT testify before the FCC concerning RM 2493. She did NOT present a petition containing 27,000 signatures to the FCC concerning RM 2493.

On Aug. 1, 1975—more than eight years ago—the FCC in a unanimous vote denied the petition from Lansman and Milam, thereby killing RM 2493.

We are glad that our church members want to keep the gospel on these media. However, there is no threat whatsoever to prohibiting such programs before the FCC at this time.

So, if this statement is being distributed in your church, PLEASE (1) disregard it, and (2) try to tell others to disregard it. To respond to this grossly inaccurate statement is a waste of postage, time and influence.

Besides, to circulate this false report breaks a commandment of God no matter how sincere the one doing it might be.

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Elkhorn launches new facility on Lexington's near west side

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

Elkhorn Baptist Association, including 67 congregations in and near Lexington, dedicated a new \$125,000 office structure at 1161 Red Mile Pky. in Lexington Sunday afternoon, Oct. 16.

The one story building, completely debt free, was constructed on 2.25 acres opposite Red Mile race track. Purchase price for the land and black-topping was about \$100,000.

The building includes 2200 square feet of floor space providing reception area, two offices, large conference room which can be divided into two such areas, garage, kitchenette and rest room facilities.

Darrell Cruse, Elkhorn moderator and pastor of Gano Avenue Baptist Church, Georgetown, presided at the dedication ceremonies.

Others participating on the program included Ted Sisk Jr., James E. Heard, Johnie Dean, William W. Marshall and James Ball.

Two former Elkhorn directors of missions were recognized by Harold G. Polk, who has served the association as executive director the last 13 years. They were John Wells, 1957-65, now retired in Aiken, S. C., and Grady L. Randolph, 1966-69, presently executive secretary-treasurer, Kentucky Baptist

In the photo at right, Elkhorn Baptists gather outside their new associational office structure at 1161 Red Mile Pky., Lexington, to officially dedicate it. Darrell Cruse, moderator, presided over the service of dedication. Perhaps 150 persons attended and another 100 for open house later.



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In addition to Polk, other staff members of Elkhorn Baptist Association include John E. Fox, Christian social ministries director, who has served six years, and Judy S. Saunders, secretary the last two years.

At the Elkhorn Baptist Association annual meeting Oct. 17-18 James E. Heard, pastor of Lexington's Garden-side Baptist Church, was officially installed as moderator. He had been moderator-elect for the last year.

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congregations

Dry Run Baptist Church held homecoming activities Oct. 23 following a week of revival services with Buddy Ray from Hammond, La. as evangelist. Former pastor David Allen Friedly spoke for homecoming.

Roger Barkley is pastor at Dry Run.

Long Run Baptist Association is sponsoring project MANNA to provide food for people in need in Bangladesh. The project is coordinated by foreign missionary Jim McKinley. Melbourne Heights Baptist Church is collecting aluminum cans, newspapers and private contributions for the project.

Long Run Baptist Association will hold a metro ministry training conference from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7 at Crescent Hill Baptist Church.

Various seminars will focus on relations between black and white Baptists in Louisville, on single adult ministries and on inner city ministries with individuals, prison, housing projects, alcohol and drug rehabilitation programs and young adults in the city.

Farmdale Baptist Church, Long Run Association, will host a reception in honor of Welby Benningfield's 25 years as Royal Ambassador leader at 6:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11 at the church.

All former RAs and counselors associated with Benningfield are invited to attend. Reservations should be made by calling the church office at 366-1434.

Cave Run Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association, celebrated its 155th homecoming with traditional preaching, singing, and dinner on the ground activities Sept. 18. Harry Hargis is pastor.

Pleasant View Baptist Church, Russell County Baptist Association, held revival services recently with O. D. Cooper of Columbia as evangelist. James C. Porter is pastor.

First Baptist Church, Jamestown, Russell County Association, observed its 57th anniversary Sept. 17-18. Guest speaker was Eldred M. Taylor, Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children executive director.

C. E. Hansford is pastor.

Valley View Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, dedicated its new facility Oct. 16 with Harland McGinnis, former pastor, Vine Grove Baptist Church, as guest speaker.



Groundbreaking services were held Aug. 28 at Memorial Baptist Church, Frankfort, for a 15,000 square foot educational addition. Enrolment at Memorial has doubled over the past four years. The new addition will contain space for youth and adult departments, church offices, media center, choir suite, scouts and an activities room. Members of the building committee are [l-r] Jim Burnette, Katherine Rice, Royce Justice, James Taylor, Bill Durrett Jr., Conley Manning, Buck Jewel, contractor, Ron Burdon, pastor, Teresa Harris, Bob Mason, Dorothy Wilson, Bob Tipton, Ben Wise, Duard Dailey and Herman Hulker.

William Steeger is pastor.

Buckner Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, celebrated its 25th anniversary Sept. 18. Speakers were A. L. Meacham and James Bland.

J. Douglas Dortch Jr. is pastor.

Williamsburg First Baptist Church Woman's Missionary Union, Mt. Zion Association, held a September Happening program Sept. 7 to promote enlistment and focus on state missions, former WMU leaders and Southern Seminary. Nine exhibits were displayed by the church's six Baptist Women's circles, Baptist Young Women, Ac-teens, GAs and Mission Friends groups.

Matilda Waddle, WMU director at Williamsburg First, called the event a success with a large crowd attending and "really good fellowship."

First Baptist Church, Ashland, celebrated its 100th anniversary Oct. 23. Speaker for the service was Kentucky Baptist executive secretary-treasurer William W. Marshall. A historical pageant titled, "My Father is Working Still," was presented in the evening service. Other activities related to the centennial celebration included a revival Oct. 16-21 with Jerry Hopkins as evangelist.

Ohio Valley Association sponsored an area crusade for all denominations recently, featuring the E. J. Daniels evangelism team consisting of Daniels, music director Dick Barrett, organist John Bos and vocalist Dwayna Litz.

revivals

Gamaliel Baptist Church, Monroe Association, held revival services Sept. 25-Oct. 3 with Farrell Isenberg as evangelist. There were two professions of faith recorded.

Jerry Anderson is pastor at Gamaliel.

Temple Hill Baptist Church, Monroe Association, held revival services Oct. 10-16 with Everett Lamay and Mike Steed, pastor and minister of youth and music at Wayne City (Ill.) First Baptist Church, respectively, as visiting ministers.

Mike Thomason is pastor at Temple Hill.

Willow Baptist Church, Union Association, held revival services Aug. 14-19 with nine professions of faith recorded.



Williamsburg First Baptist Church celebrated its centennial Sept. 18 with Cumberland College, Williamsburg, president James H. Taylor addressing the large crowd gathered. Among featured personalities present were Williamsburg mayor and FBC deacon Paul Estes; Mt. Zion Association director of missions Janus Jones, former U. S. congressman and FBC deacon Eugene Siler Sr.; and five of the church's six living former pastors, Herbert C. Gabhart [1943-51], Clyde Freed [1952-60], Robert Palmer [1960-69], Jim Highland [1970-75] and David Perkins [1976-81]. Thomas West, pastor from 1937-42, was unable to attend. Harold Mauney is currently pastor there. Above, the congregation joins in singing during the highlighted service.

A baptismal service for 12 was held Sept. 11.

Mark Myers, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., was evangelist. David L. Beeler is pastor.

Don Short, Kuttawa evangelist, led revival services at Henderson Memorial Baptist Church, Christian County Association, Oct. 2-7. There were 42 decisions including nine professions of faith.

Pastor Roy W. Field Jr. is pastor.

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Severns Valley Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, held revival services Sept. 25-28 with Ralph Langley, pastor, Huntsville (Ala.) First Baptist Church, as evangelist and Jim, Donna and Beverly Murk from Wheaton, Ill. as concert musicians.

Roger Williams reports 23 professions of faith and 10 rededications during revival services at Manchester Baptist Church, Booneville Association.

Richard Harris, mass evangelism director of the Home Mission Board, was guest evangelist and Steve Evans, Rose Hill Baptist Church, Ashland, was music director.



A noteburning service was held Oct. 9 at Elsmere Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association. The \$30,000 note was used to construct a third floor youth department facility at the church. Pictured are pastor Arman F. Wright and church treasurer Bailey Johnson.

Franklin Crossroads Baptist Church, Severns Valley Association, held revival services with Tony Carson as evangelist Sept. 25-30. There were four professions of faith recorded as well as other decisions.

Carson is pastor of Jenkins First Baptist Church.

ordinations

Paul Johnson and Royce Pendley were ordained as deacons Sept. 25 at Farmdale Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Jimmy Roberts and Lawrence Dick were ordained as deacons Oct. 2 by Elk Spring Valley Baptist Church, Wayne County Association.

Chris Bailey was ordained as deacon Sept. 25 by Owingsville Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

R. Bruce Carlton, pastor of Forest Hills Baptist Church, Long Run Association, was ordained to the ministry Sept. 4 by his home church, First Baptist Church, Huntersville, N. C.

Carlton is a MDiv student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

John Miller, Albert Simmons and Russell Frederickson were ordained deacons Sept. 18 at Flemingsburg Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

Jim Maher was ordained a deacon Sept. 25 at First Baptist Church, Maysville, Bracken Association.

Mrs. Carolyn Blanche Wooten Isley was ordained to the ministry June 25 at Eastern Parkway Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Mrs. Isley received her bachelor's degree from the University of Louisville and is currently completing her MDiv degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

She and her husband, Walter A. Isley, pastor at Eastern Parkway, have two children, Kimberly and Drew.



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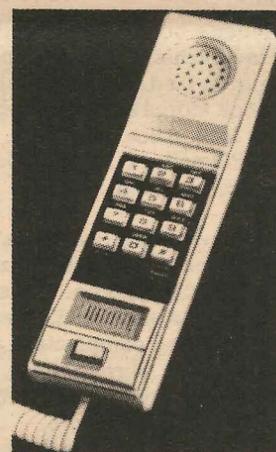
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BROADMAN

Elliston Crawford and Jerry Powell were ordained deacons at Buckner Baptist Church, Sulphur Fork Association, Oct. 9.

Martin Robertson Jr. was ordained to the ministry Sept. 11 at Hawesville Baptist Church, Blackford Association. He is currently interim pastor at Tell Street Baptist Church, Tell City, Ind., and a student at Campbellsville (Ky.) College.

Robertson has also been associate pastor and youth recreation director at Cloverport Baptist Church, Breckinridge Association. He is the son of Martin and Thelma Robertson, Hawesville.



Robertson



Cantrell

personnel

Billy Cantrell has been called to pastor Zion Baptist Church, Ohio County Association. He previously held interim and associate pastor positions at Victory Baptist Church, Shepherdsville, as well as worked with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's media services as a technician and Louisville's Veterans Administration Medical Center as a chaplain.

He is married to the former Cindy Brosche of Bowling Green and holds his MDiv from Southern Seminary.

Paul E. Johnson was recently presented an engraved silver tray and certificate for 34 years as church treasurer, Elkhorn City Baptist Church, Pike Association.

John L. Haynes is pastor at Elkhorn City.

Timothy George, assistant professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been called as interim pastor of West Broadway Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

Gerald Chafin, a first semester Southern Seminary student from Inez, has been named minister of music there.

Patti Roden has resigned as director of children's ministries at Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, to accept a similar position at First Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga., effective Oct. 26.

D. E. Jones, pastor of Dover Baptist Church, Shelby County Association, was recently presented a silver tray for 50 years in ministry. He has been at Dover six years.

Jim Chitwood has resigned as minister of music at Audubon Baptist Church, Long Run Association, to pursue full time music-evangelism with his wife Pam.

Bill D. Whittaker, a former president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention and now a foreign missionary to the Philippines, is a contributing author of 21 messages in the 1984 *Zondervan Pastor's Annual*. He also has written illustrations for the July and October 1983 issues of *Proclaim*, published by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Whittaker is pastor of International Baptist Church, Manila, Philippines.

Former Kentuckians J. E. Huss and J. Rox Clifford celebrated their 50th anniversaries as ordained ministers Oct. 13. Both men were ordained in 1933 by Newport First Baptist Church, Northern Kentucky Association.

Huss has pastored in Kentucky, Florida and South Carolina where he presently resides. Clifford has held pastorates in Kentucky, North Carolina and Virginia.

Richard A. Fory has accepted the pastorate at Butler Baptist Church, Union Association. He previously served two years as youth minister at First Baptist Church, Ludlow, Northern Kentucky Association.

Wendell Carmack has been named pastor at New Prospect Baptist Church, Booneville Association. He is a second year student at Clear Creek Baptist School.

James Wright has accepted the call as pastor at Kettle Island Baptist Church, Bell County Association. Wright is a third year Clear Creek Baptist School student.

Alice J. Kinder, a Sunday school teacher in Grace Baptist Church, East Shelbyville, has completed her fourth book, titled *Mama's Pathway to Heaven*.

Its setting is in the deep valley hills of eastern Kentucky during the great depression.

Mrs. Kinder's book highlights the virtues of love, trust, humor, cooperation and faith in God. It is available in Christian book stores or may be obtained from Mrs. Alice J. Kinder, Rte. 6, Box 666, Pikeville, KY 41501, for \$3.50 (postage included).

Kevin Landgrave recently became minister of music and youth at Bellevue Baptist Church, Owensboro. He is a native of Louisville and a 1983 graduate in music, theory and composition at Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.

Landgrave is married to the former Barbara Burton of Owensboro.

Gerald Howell is pastor at Bellevue.

Darrell Stephenson has been called as



David Lewis Druen [r] was honored Sept. 25 during worship services at Campbellsville Baptist Church for 60 years as an ordained minister. With him is James Jones, pastor of Campbellsville Baptist.

pastor at Heselon Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

David Gonnella has been named pastor of Mays Lick Baptist Church, Bracken Association. He will begin service there in November.

Lavan Luker has been called as pastor at Bicknell Avenue Baptist Church, Long Run Association.

H. Franklin Paschall, a native of Hazel, Ky., was honored when his church, First Baptist, Nashville, voted to endow the H. Franklin Paschall Chair of Biblical Studies and Preaching at Nashville's Belmont College.

Paschall has been pastor of the Nashville church since 1956. He went there from First Baptist Church, Bowling Green.

A former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, he is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

David Slinker has been named minister of music and education at Corinth Baptist Church, Laurel River Association. His wife Sherry will also be working with him at the church.

The Slinkers are both natives of Kentucky and have been working in Bolivar, Mo. where he taught piano at Southwest Baptist University and she was minister of music at Southern Hills Baptist Church.

They are both graduates of Western Kentucky University where he holds his master's degree and she her bachelor's in music.

They have one daughter, Rachel.

Kentucky ministers of music Wayne Halley, Murray First Baptist Church; Jack Jones, Beechmont Baptist Church, Louisville; and Doyle Searcy, Beechgrove Baptist Church, Campbellsville; left Oct. 24 as part of the Centurymen choral group to tour the People's Republic of China.

The male chorus will tour 17 days performing classical choral and American folk music in key points like Shanghai's Music Conservatory, Beijing Central Conservatory and the Radio Beijing Music Hall where the concert will be broadcast for Chinese television and radio.

A concert will also be given in Hong Kong's Tsuen Wan Town Hall as part of an evangelistic rally before the choir returns to the states.

The trip is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission at the invitation of Shanghai Television.

H. B. Kuhnle, former pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, has been called as interim pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Elkhorn Association.

He began his duties there Oct. 16.

Miss Debby Murrell, a May 1983 graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has accepted the call as minister of single adults, Temple Terrace (Fla.) First Baptist Church. She began her work there Oct. 9.

Miss Murrell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Howard Murrell of Louisville.

Kit Yeaste, pastor, Bardstown Baptist Church, Nelson Association, was honored with a "This is Your Life" presentation by the church youth choir Oct. 9.

A book of tribute letters from friends and associates as well as a book of pictorial characterizations from the children of the church were given Yeaste and his wife. A monetary gift was also given.

Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Long Run Association, recently recognized Mrs. Adelaide Standiford, a member for 84 years, having joined in May 1899 at age 11.



Mrs. Standiford was born Adelaide Conella Sept. 9, 1887 in Fargo, N. D. where her parents homesteaded. She moved to Kentucky as a child.

She taught school at Tucker Station and Brentlinger Schools before her marriage to the late J. Byron Standiford, a deacon and treasurer at Cedar Creek.

Mrs. Standiford began teaching children in Sunday school after her mother-in-law, Mrs. Ida Standiford, died.

Mrs. Standiford has three children: James L., a Cedar Creek member for 61 years; Hugh B.; and Miss Elizabeth Standiford. She also has had several foster children who were members of the church family at Cedar Creek.

Mrs. Standiford is presently a member of the Dorcas class and Woman's Missionary Union at Cedar Creek.

Roy Parks has been named pastor at Sugar Creek Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

Billy Hurley has been called as pastor at Central Baptist Church, Ohio River Association.

Bill Dick has been named pastor at Missouri Hollow Baptist Church, Wayne County Association.

South Main Missionary Baptist Church, Wayne County Association, has called Jackie Roberts, Windy, Ky., as pastor.

missions

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Burns, Owensboro, have recently been approved for Foreign Mission Board service in Tanzania for one year. They will be builders while overseas.

The Burns will depart for the field about Oct. 30.

John and Edna Payne, Owensboro, recently resigned their jobs and sold their home and farm to work in agricultural missions in Haiti.

deaths

Gilbert Nations, Cedarmore Baptist Camp Assembly employe for seven years, died Oct. 2. Funeral services were held Oct. 5 in Shelbyville.

Mrs. Mary Barclay Davis, 74, died recently. She was a charter member and clerk for 36 years of Owingsville Baptist Church, Bracken Association.

A graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, Mrs. Davis taught school in her native Madison County before moving to Owingsville in 1946.

She is survived by her husband James D. Davis, and a son, Jimmie L. Davis.

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the lifestyle—distinctly American.

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As floods of refugees and other immigrants have entered the United States in increasing numbers over the past few years, churches have begun to respond to the needs.

Language ministry seeks to help internationals adapt to our American way of life, especially through teaching the English language.

ESL (English as a Second Language) classes give internationals one of the most basic survival tools in the American culture—the English language.

As the church reaches out to meet this need, it simultaneously opens doors to meet spiritual needs as internationals find Christians to be people

who really care for them.

Kentucky has quite a variety of internationals, and Kentucky churches have not failed to respond to their needs.

These stories give a synopsis of some of the work with internationals being done here in our own state.

ROMANIAN

Where would you expect to find a group of Romanians resettled in the United States? New York? Chicago? Paducah?

Tired of crime in the big city, about 50 to 60 Romanians have migrated South and settled in the river town of Paducah.

Last October, First Baptist Church of Paducah began English classes for



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RUSSIAN

About three years ago a group of Russians came to the United States under President Carter's human rights policy. These immigrants resettled in various places where they could be sponsored. One of these places was Louisville.

Most of these immigrants are racially Jewish, but most are from a second generation atheist background. In fact, many were surprised to find out they were Jewish when the Russian government began discrimination against the Jews.

When the Soviet government opened doors for these people to leave, many applied for visas. They then had to wait, sometimes for a year or more, for their visas. Meanwhile, they lost their jobs. When at last they were allowed to leave they could take very little with them.

An American couple in Buechel Park Baptist Church became aware of this group and began a ministry to the Russian community in Louisville.

Originally the community consisted of about 300 families, but due to the economy at the time many moved to other cities.

Language has been the greatest barrier faced by the Russian immigrants. According to Gary Bunch, Buechel Park's minister to internationals, "In this country the English language is a survival tool." Thus, the church's primary ministry thrust is teaching English.

One way this is accomplished is through Bible classes which use the Bible as a vehicle to teach English. Often these classes turn into dialogs about Christianity.

Bunch pointed out that the ministry to Russians has become smaller. This, he noted, is a good indication that the church's efforts have been successful because the people have learned English and have been able to find jobs and no longer need English classes.

Therefore, Buechel Park's ministry is turning more to pastoral ministry than teaching. Bunch, his wife Connie, and two volunteers, Louise Poulter and Florence Whitt, visit with the Russians. They try to help them find jobs and communicate needs. Primarily, Bunch said, they have acted as friends in time of need and in time of celebration. They were even invited to a home for a family celebrating its third anniversary in the United States and looking forward

to the fifth year when they could apply for citizenship.

Bunch said the ministry's primary purpose is "to supply needs in the name of Christ." The church has ministered to the Russians in a variety of ways, "in whatever ways are allowable by them."

Most of them are from a background where God is only a figment of the imagination and people who worship God should be laughed at. The church has had to approach them with caution not to scare them away totally.

Bunch said there has been no conversions as such yet, but there has been some beginnings and some conversions to the belief that a loving God does exist and is present.

That's a step in the right direction.

THAI, CAMBODIAN, LAOTIAN, HAITIAN

When Jai Wheeler visited Friendship International, she asked the workers to refer her to a church in her area. They gave her the name of Victory Memorial Baptist Church.

In response to this new need, Nan Smith, a member of Victory Memorial began visiting internationals.

In fall 1981 Aree, a young woman from Thailand and a seminary student, joined Victory Memorial and started teaching a Sunday school class for Thais, Laotians and Cambodians.

Soon the church called Bruce Cobb as minister to internationals. Bruce, an MK himself whose parents were missionaries to Thailand, began English classes and a Sunday school class which he teaches in English and then translates into Cambodian and Laotian.

According to Bob Dempsey, minister of education, about 12 to 25 attend the class, include a group of Haitians. International youth and children are also included in Victory Memorial's ministry.

According to Dempsey, Louisville is a key city to receive refugees. He called a nearby apartment complex where many of the internationals have settled an "untapped resource."

Working on a "trial and error" basis,



the church has striven to structure its programs to meet the needs of these people.

Cobb explained that his philosophy regards the body of the church as the primary ministers to internationals, with himself a resource and contact person.

To implement this idea, Cobb has begun a relationship commitment program. An American makes a commitment to see his international friend face to face at least once a week. That way, Cobb explained, the international feels like there is somebody interested in him. He added, "You can't help but get involved with the people if you see them every week."

Cobb makes a special effort to help integrate internationals into the congregation. According to Cobb, they have the desire to become part of the regular functioning of the church. They would like to assimilate into American society, and the church helps them do this.

Cobb emphasized, "The church is the international ministry here, not me."

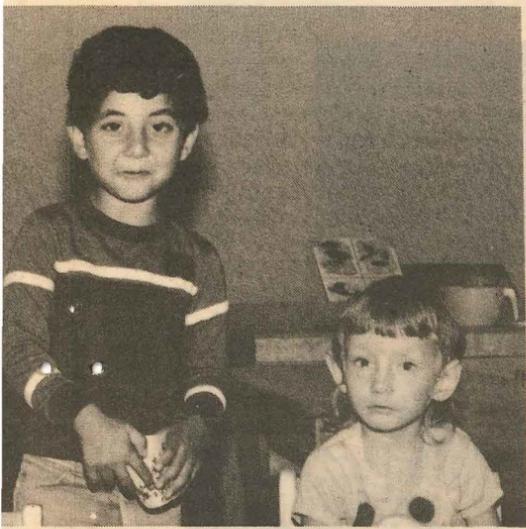
SPANISH

Ft. Knox is home for about 1000 Spanish-speaking military personnel and their families, a small subculture within the midst of American culture. Still, within this circle numerous Hispanic cultures are represented—Puerto Rico, Panama, Mexico, Cuba, Honduras, Brazil.



Yet these are united by one factor—they are all Spanish-speaking people in an English-speaking society. Of course, the military personnel must speak English in order to function in the American armed services. Many of the wives, however, do not speak English at all.

In 1979, a Southern Seminary student from Brazil, Claude Mariottini, began a ministry to this group under sponsorship of St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville. The group operated under



these people led by Annabel Beverly and Dorothy Bradley. When more students wanted to enter later in the program, Linda Kerley began a second class. Initially eight people enrolled, calling for three different levels.

Mrs. Kerley now works with a group of four Romanians. All together 14 people have participated in the program.

The church has also recently begun a Sunday school class for Romanians. According to Mrs. Beverly, about 10 Romanians joined the church only two weeks ago.

Church members help the Romanians with such needs as learning to fill out job applications and prepare for interviews. They also do pastoral ministry when it is needed.

KOREAN

First Korean Baptist Church of Radcliff began as a mission in 1974. Two months after its opening, its present pastor, Paul H. Ahn, assumed the pastorate. In 1976 the congregation began to meet in the chapel of Mill Creek Baptist Church.

In 1978 the Kentucky Baptist Convention purchased a building for the mission. Then in 1982 the congregation held an organizational service constituting the church. Later that year, it was received as a cooperating church of the Severns Valley Association and of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The church held a ground breaking service for its new church building in April of

this year.

Since its inception the church has had 419 baptisms. Of the 150 average Sunday attendance, 99 percent are associated with the military.

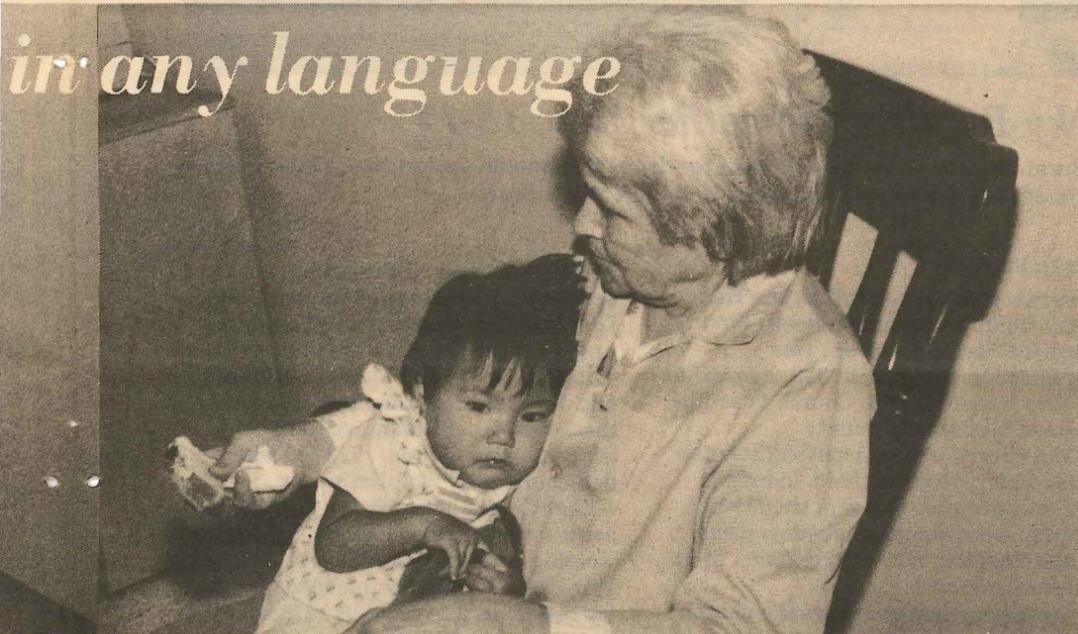
Services are conducted in Korean and English. Ahns' sermon is translated through headphones into English for the more than 20 American husbands in attendance.

Tuesday morning and Friday night home Bible studies reach more than 100 people.

According to Ahn, although the teaching of the church is "Bible-centered," it also helps teach the people American culture, American way of thinking, essential law for daily life and basic English.

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in any language



In that year, the hearing congregation decided to give structure to the ministry and hired a minister to the deaf. In 1956 the first minister who could sign was called.

The deaf congregation became known as the Baptist Church for the Deaf in 1964 and became a type of mission to Fourth Avenue Church.

The group, which meets separately from the hearing congregation, has all of the usual Southern Baptist organizations—Sunday school, WMU and Brotherhood—and all of these are rather active.

Most of the 65-member congregation are median adults, with young adults being the strongest group. The membership has seen 10 additions this year.

According to pastor Carl Enoch, the greatest need of deaf people is interpreters. Besides the usual pastoral duties, Enoch also works in interpreting medical, legal and other matters.

The next greatest problem for deaf people is the attitude of hearing persons. According to Enoch, deaf people need "simple understanding, appreciation and acceptance, the same as any other minority group." Often hearing persons have an attitude of parentalism or the idea of the "perpetual child" about the deaf. Enoch added, "Most discrimination is because people don't know any better."

The church becomes an ego support system for the deaf. There they can sign and not worry about being misunderstood. According to Enoch, their coming together is not only reinforcement but also a cultural experience. "Here they are leaders. They are somebody."

POTPOURRI

Thirty-nine Long Run Association WMUs pooled resources and efforts in 1974 to begin Friendship International, a weekly program of various classes for internationals in the Louisville area. The group, directed by Phronsie Quinn, meets each Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. till noon in the activities building of Walnut Street Baptist Church.

Last year 178 internationals representing around 35 countries participated in such classes as English, Bible study, American citizenship, cultural exchange, driver's training, piano, crafts, nutrition, macrame, bowling, skating, ceramics, sewing, needlework and exercise.

In its beginning, Friendship Interna-

tional was especially concerned with the need for English classes, according to Mrs. Quinn.

Trained teachers work with internationals on different levels, from those who have absolutely no English background to those who have studied English in their home countries but still need to work on conversational English. Presently 17 women from Long Run are involved in working with the English classes.

Bible study classes are also an important part of the ministry. Friendship International, through the American Bible Society and other Bible societies, provides each international a Bible in his or her own language.

The group also reaches out to internationals beyond the scheduled Wednesday program. Mrs. Quinn related the story of a Korean family in crisis. While their baby was in the hospital with cancer, members of Friendship International visited the family and prayed for them. The child is now in remission, and the mother told the group, "My baby is alive because of your prayers."

The ministry has a three-fold purpose:

- To meet basic needs of the international family
 - To provide an opportunity for Baptist Women to meet those needs as a ministry of concern in the name of Christ
 - To increase world awareness
- So how do immigrants from Israel and Egypt, Taiwan and China, Lebanon and Syria, Argentina and Nicaragua get along in America? Mrs. Quinn answered, "Here we're all friends. We don't involve politics."



Christians. Some are not Baptist but have met Christ in other denominations. Yet here they find fellowship and Bible teaching in their own language.

Many who are of a strong Catholic background will not attend the Protestant church, but will go to homes for Bible study. Therefore, Baptista has especially encouraged the home Bible studies.

Baptista has developed three goals for his ministry in keeping with the needs of his people:

- Short range—To help them know the bible, how to handle it, to make them aware of this divine tool.
- Medium range—To give them a Baptist identity. Baptista joked, "I have been a Baptist all my life. My name is even 'Baptist.' I could have been no other."
- Long range—To help them grow in faith and knowledge to become useful as Christians, aware of their potential as human beings and as Christians.

DEAF

One area of language ministry often overlooked is deaf interpretation, but those who have learned to speak with their hands and hear with their eyes know signing truly is another language.

In 1920 a deaf person began a ministry to the deaf at Fourth Avenue Baptist Church in Louisville. This group met in the afternoon for a Sunday school time. Until 1941 all leadership positions were held by deaf persons.

this arrangement until August of this year when another seminary student, Walter Baptista, became pastor. The group is now in the process of becoming a mission of Stithon Baptist Church, where they meet.

Presently the group meets for Sunday school and worship and for Bible study in homes on Wednesday. According to Baptista, about 60 people attend Sunday activities.

All of the people are relatively new

* *TRANSLATION: Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be totally immersed in a foreign culture? You don't know the language nor the culture. What do you do? Where do you go? That is the question thousands of internationals, immigrants to the United States, ask as they try to begin life again in a new world.*

Photos and story
by Susan Shaw,
Staff Writer

Paducah: it likes to host state Baptists

by James H. Cox, Associate Editor

When Kentucky Baptists arrive in Paducah in a few weeks for their 146th annual session, it will be only the eighth time in a century and a half they have come to this burgeoning little metropolis hard by the banks of the Ohio River.

A mile north of Paducah, one can find himself in Illinois. Less than 35 miles west, he can be in Missouri. Tennessee isn't much more than 40 miles to the south.

It's a "far country" down there—212 miles via surface transportation from Louisville, 259 miles from Lexington and 380 miles from Ashland, at the other end of the state. Maybe that's the major reason why Kentucky Baptists have been there for their conventions only seven times before now.

Indeed, the meeting there Nov. 15-17 of this year will be only the third session Kentucky Baptists have held in Paducah in nearly a half century.

At the last such meeting, held at First Baptist Church, which will host the convention this year, Henry W. Schafer of Owensboro presided. The year was 1974 and Jack Jones of Murray delivered the convention sermon. John Wood, incidentally, the host pastor that year, was elected convention president.

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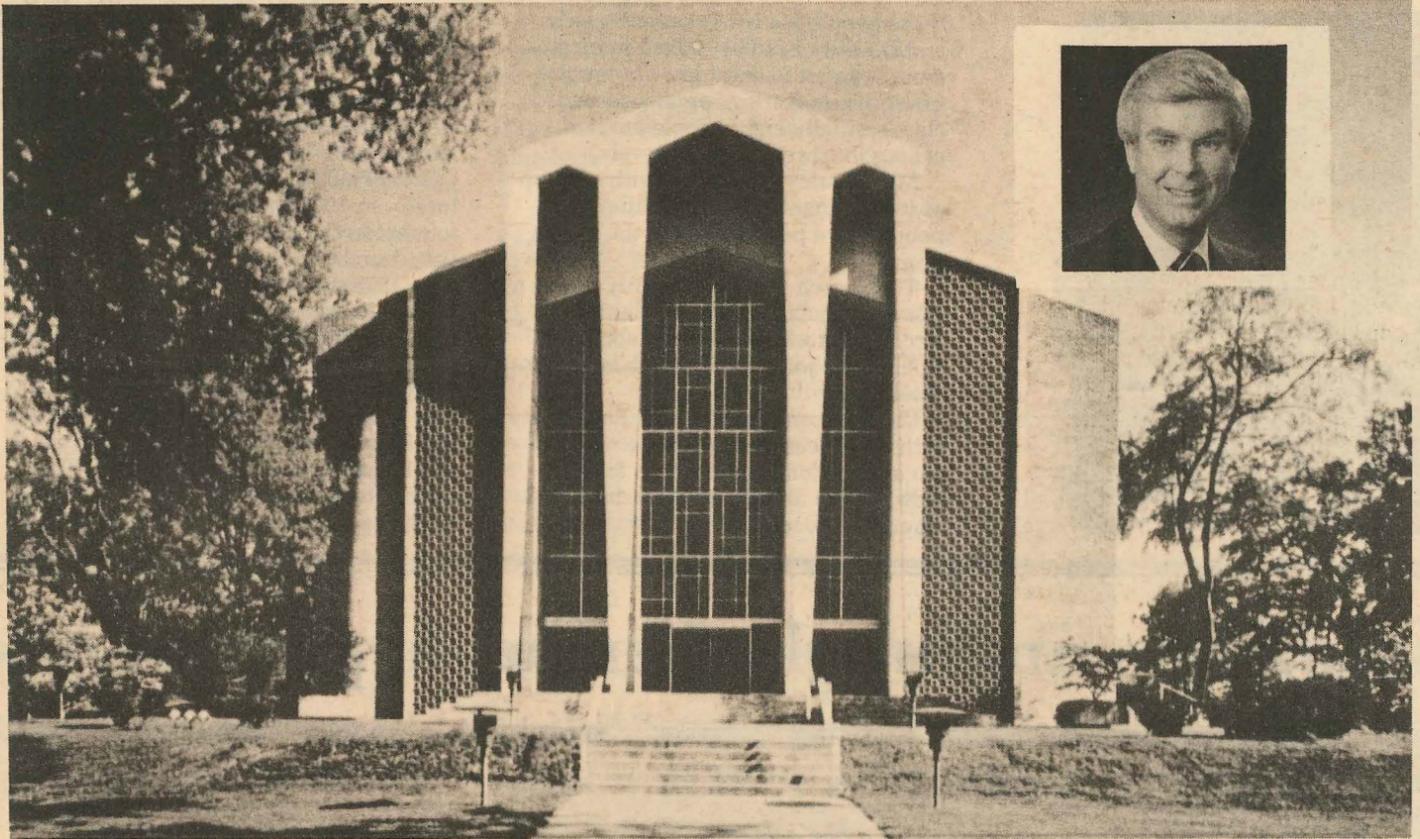
In the years since Kentucky Baptists last went to Paducah, there have been some significant changes in the life of that congregation.

Now with a membership of 1779 and a Sunday school enrolment of 2125, First Baptist Church is subscribing a current budget of \$926,023. Of that amount, \$147,000 is designated for missions and \$91,930 of that is going to the Cooperative Program. In the Kentucky Baptist Convention's fiscal year ended Aug. 31, 1983 First Church, Paducah, was listed as sixth largest giver to the Cooperative Program with total contributions of \$103,927.17.

But these are only statistics. The real heart of a church is found in its programs and ministries and people.

Four years ago, First Baptist Church launched evangelism training using Evangelism Explosion as its vehicle. As a result, the congregation was "accelerated" and experienced "remarkable growth," according to current pastor J. Robert White.

White, who left a Georgia pastorate less than two years ago, says he found



Where Kentucky Baptists will gather Nov. 15-17

The imposing front of First Baptist Church, Paducah, beckons Kentucky Baptists for their 146th annual session Nov. 15-17. Erected in 1965, the modern facility serves a congregation of 1779 members, pastored by J. Robert White (inset).

a church "excited and happy which knew its place in the community."

He sees First Church continuing its evangelism growth, "refining and honing it," combining its evangelistic efforts with the church's TV ministry. The church purchased \$83,000 of additional TV equipment this year. Evangelism Explosion-trained counselors respond to telephone calls during and following the church's Sunday telecasts. Professions of faith often result, and callers are visited by church members.

A full time minister of education was added to the church's staff this year, bringing to five the number of full time ministers on a staff of 16.

The congregation is a long way from reaching its zenith, according to White. In his words, the "sky's the limit!" He cites professions of faith made in the church's family life center "who show up at the altar on Sunday morning," 150 persons who play volleyball Monday evenings in that building, an expanding orchestra, 80 in choir rehearsal weekly, the distinct possibility of two morning worship services within a year and the possibility of two Sunday schools before long as indicators of how First Baptist Church is going (and growing).

"I've never seen people who are so joyful and excited and happy," says White. "It's a joyous fellowship," he exclaims, and "rare among churches I've been in." He calls the spirit "magnetic" and says it "makes people want to come to our fellowship."

White cited two concerns. He said some people in the church and in the area do feel "isolated" by distance from much of what is going on in Kentucky Baptist life. From that standpoint, the church and the city are especially delighted to play hosts to the denomination's annual convention, and to other state events as well.

Secondly, White feels a pressing need for more space, as First Baptist continues to grow rapidly. It's a problem "we can live with," he says, adding that he's sure some other congregations might wish "they had that problem."

A rich heritage

Just two years younger than the Kentucky Baptist Convention itself, First Baptist Church, Paducah, was organized in December 1839, a mission of New Bethel Baptist Church in southeastern McCracken County.

The church was officially constituted a year later, Dec. 14, 1840. James Phillip Edwards, pastor of the mother church, was promptly called as pastor of the fledgling new congregation of 21 charter members.

During its first two years the church assembled in the county courthouse, then located at Second and Kentucky streets. When the members could afford a building of their own, they erected a house of worship on the south side of Broadway between Third and Fourth streets, in 1842. This facility served until 1854 when a wall collapsed.

At that point, and for an unknown period of time, the members worshiped in facilities owned by Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Third Street. Historical records indicate that it was not until 1861 that the Baptist congregation approved plans for a new building on the southwest corner of Fifth and Jefferson streets. Membership was 147 at that time.

The building was unfinished at the time of the occupation of Paducah in 1861 by Federal forces under Gen. U. S. Grant. Yet it was commandeered for use as a hospital, and soldiers added a roof to the building to make it tenable.

After nearly five years of use as a military hospital the First Baptist Church building was described in one newspaper account as a "total wreck." After significant reconstruction, the facility at Fifth and Jefferson was completed and dedicated June 17, 1868. Next door to the church was a parsonage which was razed in 1912 for construction of an educational building.

That same year, ground for a new building was broken. The new facility was dedicated June 10, 1917.

Seeing the need to expand even further, in September 1961 the congregation purchased a future building site

in the 2800 block of Broadway, out from downtown on Paducah's far west side. Less than two years later, ground was broken at the future site. Final services were held in the old building at Fifth and Jefferson less than two years after that, and the official move to the new address occurred Mar. 7, 1965 with dedication May 9 of that year.

Eight years later the front of the sanctuary was remodeled and morning worship services were telecast live over WDXR-TV. A weekly television ministry began on KFVS-TV in 1975 which was moved to WPSD-TV in 1982.

The church's Christian outreach center (recreation building) was completed in 1980 and the Lola Carson foyer and chapel was dedicated earlier this year.

Pastor and staff

J. Robert White, pastor since Dec. 6, 1981, is 37. A native of Ft. Pierce, Fla., he is married to the former Janice Gail Goodlet and they have three daughters, Kathy, 11, Karen, 8, and Diane, 5.

A graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, Ala., White holds MDiv and DMin degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

He served youth and music positions at three Alabama churches before being pastor of Dabney Baptist Church, Holton, Ind., during his seminary career, 1969-72. From 1972-74 he was associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., and from 1974-81 he filled the pastorate of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Carrollton, Ga.

White's denominational leadership includes being vice president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, member of the executive and administration committees of the Georgia Baptist Convention and an officer of both committees, and in several other leadership posts in his state convention and local association.

Additional ministers on the staff of First Baptist Church, Paducah, include Robert E. Kersey, associate pastor; Glenn Dyer, minister of education; Donn Wisdom, minister of music; and Larry York, minister of activities.

Convention calendar: there's plenty to satisfy every taste at Paducah

The annual meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention may be the principal attraction of KBC week each year, but it doesn't stand alone by any means. Immediately before it, as well as during the convention itself, a host of auxiliary groups will be meeting, eating and sharing common purposes unique unto themselves.

Here is a listing of these activities as reported to Western Recorder.

Monday, November 14

10:30 a.m. Credentials Committee Meeting and Luncheon—Executive Inn, Executive Blvd., Paducah

11:30 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association Officers' Luncheon—Sirloin Stockade, 2701 Irvin Cobb Dr.

12:30 p.m. Registration, Kentucky Baptist Music Association—Reidland Baptist Church, 5559 Benton Rd.

1 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal—Reidland Baptist Church

1 p.m. KBC Executive Board Meeting—Chapel, First Baptist Church, 2890 Broadway

1 p.m. Registration, Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association—First Baptist Church

1:45 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference—First Baptist Church

1:50 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Religious Education—First Baptist Church

2 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association—Reidland Baptist Church

5 p.m. Committee on Nominations Meeting and Dinner—Executive Inn

5 p.m. Western Recorder Press Team Dinner—Executive Inn

6 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association Banquet—Reidland Baptist Church

6:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Directors of Missions Fellowship—Lone Oak Baptist Church, 3101 Lone Oak Rd.

6:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Religious Education Association Dinner—Executive Inn

6:45 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference—First Baptist Church

7:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Music Association—Reidland Baptist Church

9 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal—Reidland Baptist Church

Tuesday, November 15

8:30 a.m. Refreshments, Kentucky Baptist Music Association—First Baptist Church

9 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Chorale Rehearsal—Choir Room, First Baptist Church

9 a.m. Committee on Constitution and Bylaws Meeting—Convention Office, First Baptist Church

10 a.m. Kentucky Baptist Convention—First Baptist Church; other sessions: Nov. 15, 1:45 and 6:45 p.m.; Nov. 16, 9 a.m., 2 and 6:45 p.m.; Nov. 17, 9 a.m.

12:15 p.m. Annuitants' Luncheon—First Baptist Church

5 p.m. Church Recreators Meeting—Christian Outreach Center, First Baptist Church

5:15 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Historical Society—Executive Inn

5:30 p.m. Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Wives Fellowship Banquet—Lone Oak Baptist Church

8:30 p.m. Reception for Bill and Alice Marshall—Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church

Wednesday, November 16

7 a.m. Campbellsville College Breakfast—Executive Inn

7 a.m. Georgetown College Breakfast—Immanuel Baptist Church, 3465 Buckner Ln.

7:30 a.m. Clear Creek Baptist School Breakfast—Twelfth Street Baptist Church, 1249 N. 12th St.

7:30 a.m. Cumberland College Breakfast—Executive Inn

12 noon New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Luncheon—The Tea Room, 309 N. Eighth St.

12 noon Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Luncheon—Executive Inn

12:15 p.m. Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Luncheon—Executive Inn

5:15 p.m. WMU Dinner for Missionaries—Holiday Inn, 727 Joe Clifton Dr.

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An open letter to Kentucky Baptists

As most of you know our esteemed editor, Dr. C. R. Daley, has announced his intention to retire from the editorship of Western Recorder June 30, 1984. After 27 years of Dr. Daley's leadership Western Recorder is experiencing a "changing of the guard," and the Editor Search Committee wants your help.

We realize the magnitude of our task and the importance of Western Recorder and the editor to Kentucky Baptists. Therefore, the committee would like to ask you to tell us what you want in your state paper, what you expect in the editor and whom you would like to see as the new editor of Western Recorder.

Should you have any comments or suggestions about the editor, send them to any member of the Editor Search Committee or to me as the chairman. The other members of the committee are Rev. John Christian, Hopkinsville; Dr. Gary Coltharp, Madisonville; Mr. Glenn Durham, Harlan; and Dr. Robert DeFoor, Harrodsburg. If there is someone whom you would like to recommend to the committee as a candidate for editor, please send us a current resume, a sample of the individual's writing and a letter telling us why you believe this person would make a good editor.

Please pray for your Editor Search Committee that God will lead us to make a good and wise decision in recommending a new editor for Western Recorder.

Thank you for your interest in Western Recorder.

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baptist news in brief

South District welcomes congregation it set free over ordination

by C. R. Daley, *Editor*

Fellowship between South District Association and Beech Fork Baptist Church, Gravel Switch, was restored Oct. 18 by action of the association in its annual session.

Fellowship was withdrawn from the Beech Fork congregation in an annual associational meeting six years ago following ordination by the church of Suzanne Coyle to the gospel ministry. The vote in 1977 to withdraw fellowship was 98 to 64. The 1983 action restoring fellowship without opposition.

One messenger stood when negative votes were called for to ask what the

future intention of the Beech Fork congregation was concerning ordination of women. When told this had been carefully considered by the associational credentials committee with Beech Fork representatives the messenger voted in favor of the recommendation and was the first messenger to extend the hand of fellowship to Beech Fork members who were present.

The associational action resulted from a letter from the Beech Fork congregation to the association executive board last July requesting a restoration of fellowship. The carefully worded letter unanimously approved by the church reviewed the events leading up to the

defellowshipping action six years ago.

The key paragraphs in the letter said:

"While we realize that the action taken by us was controversial and cause for much debate, we now regret that we did not more carefully evaluate the implications of this decision.

"We now see more clearly that the church or Christian is nowhere given license to make decisions without thought of the consequences to others. We understand Paul's admonition to carefully well each decision so as to always foster 'unity of spirit in the bond of peace' (Eph. 4:13).

"Though we still claim the historical biblical position of (1) autonomy of the

local New Testament church; (2) rejection of creedalisms; (3) personal interpretation of scriptures; and (4) the individual and personal leading by the Holy Spirit, we also feel that unity and reconciliation with our sister churches is of major concern for us as we endeavor to grow through ministry."

Both the credentials committee of the South District Association and the association executive board unanimously recommended the readmission of the church. No discussion from the floor followed the recommendation.

Alan K. Witham, Beech Fork pastor, was credited with a major part in the reconciliation.

SBC receipts top \$100 million; Kentucky gifts comparatively low

by Craig Bird

Contributions to the national Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention broke the \$100 million barrier for the first time during 1982-83.

Total gifts to the worldwide mission and education causes of the SBC totaled \$102,313,308 when the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, an increase of 9.61 percent and \$8,968,952 over 1981-82.

September gifts of \$9,008,042 from the 34 state Southern Baptist conventions underwrote the basic operating budget of \$100 million and 32 percent of the \$6 million challenge budget.

"The real thrill of going over the \$100 million mark is not in the impressive row of zeros—rather it is in the lives of the people touched by the programs that money funded," Harold C. Bennett, executive director-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, said.

"It is in the hundreds of thousands who learned of the saving power of Jesus Christ because of Southern Baptist missionaries. It is the thousands of students who grew spiritually in the study of God's word at Southern Baptist seminaries. It is the lives touched by the extensive ministries of Southern Baptist agencies."

The first \$500,000 above the basic budget will be divided among the six SBC seminaries and the remaining \$2.7 million will be divided on a percentage basis among all the agencies. Almost 72 percent will go to the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board.

A. R. Fagan, executive director-treasurer of the convention's Stewardship Commission (which has the job assignment of promoting the Cooperative Program) pointed out the 1982-83 totals reflect "the largest growth in real dollars in 10 years."

Since 1974, with the nation experiencing double digit inflation, "our real growth has been running one to one and three-fourths percent a year," he attested. "But with current inflation the 9.61 percent increase over last year translates into about 7.5 percent real growth."

The increases were seen all across the country as 32 of the 34 state conventions increased gifts to the national program.

Since individual contributions to a church, the church's contributions to the state convention and the state con-

vention's contributions to the national Cooperative Program are voluntary at every step, it is difficult to profile "typical" individual participation.

However, by taking the memberships of the 34 conventions as reported in the 1983 annual report, and dividing them into the state contributions as reported by the SBC Executive Committee, a per capita figure for each state convention can be determined.

By that method, the individual Southern Baptist in Florida had the most impact on the national programs.

Florida's average gift was \$9.62, followed closely by Oklahoma at \$9.58. The national per capita gift was \$7.31.

Florida was the only state convention to be in the top 10 in per capita giving, percentage increase over 1981-82 contributions and total dollar amount contributed. Twenty-one of the 34 state conventions are in the top 10 in at least one category.

The leading per capita state conventions are mostly from the deep South—yet Maryland is fifth and Hawaii is eighth.

Kentucky, at \$6.24, ranks 17th on the per capita list.

In total dollar giving nine of the 34 state conventions contributed more than \$5 million to the national programs and 28 of the 34 supported the worldwide mission and education efforts of the SBC with more than \$100,000 each.

National rankings by dollar amounts placed Kentucky in 11th position at \$4,689,103. Texas was first with \$18,300,447, followed by Georgia with \$8,456,833 and Florida, \$8,061,318.

The state conventions with the highest percentage increases are mainly in the North—yet Florida is third and Georgia is eighth.

On this list, Kentucky ranked 31st among the 34 state conventions with a 0.74 percent increase. Two states below Kentucky (Kansas-Nebraska and West Virginia) actually recorded significant decreases rather than increases.

Northern Plains led in percentage increases over 1981-82 with 76.62 followed by New York, 65.48, and Florida, 24.85 percent.

Prior to the 1982-83 fiscal year, monthly national Cooperative Program receipts had surpassed \$8 million only five times and \$9 million only twice since the Cooperative Program was started in 1925. This year three months were above \$9 million and nine above \$8 million.

Annuity Board announces medical premium increase

Southern Baptist ministers and church employes are facing an increase in medical premiums next year, according to officials of the Annuity Board.

Effective Jan. 1, 1984, participants in the church insurance program will experience a 12 percent aggregate increase in medical premiums. According to insurance services director John Dudley, the increase will range from 11 to 14 percent among the three geographical regions to six percent for those eligible for Medicare.

"One of the ways the Annuity Board was able to avoid a 31.5 percent rate hike recommended by the insurance carrier was by adjusting the participants' initial out-of-pocket expense from \$100 to \$200," said Dudley.

2750 women participate in Dayspring conference

A record crowd of 2750 women overflowed Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Conference Center to attend Dayspring, the first national conference on evangelism jointly sponsored by the Home and Foreign Mission boards and Woman's Missionary Union, SBC.

More than 3000 additional women had sought reservations but were unable to attend because of limited facilities.

"The enormous response (from women) shows there is a deep hunger within American Christian women today," said Evelyn Christenson, director of United Prayer Ministries, Minneapolis, Minn., and one of the conference leaders at Dayspring.

Women desperately want more opportunities for growth than they are now getting, she added.

Laura Allen, national evangelism consultant with women at the Home Mission Board and coordinator of Dayspring, said the meeting was the first national conference for women in the Southern Baptist Convention focused completely on evangelism.

She reported that about 85 percent of the participants were women who work. "Most are not able to attend week-long meetings, but were able to attend this one," she said.

Missionaries feel safe despite coup in Grenada

Southern Baptist missionaries on the Caribbean island of Grenada were reported safe following an army takeover of the island government Oct. 16.

The head of Grenada's army said on

radio troops had taken control of the small island and deposed Prime Minister Maurice Bishop.

Fred Day, Foreign Mission Board associate to the director for the Caribbean, talked by phone with Carter Davis, missionary dentist on the island, following the coup.

Davis reported that he and his wife, Charlotte, both Tennesseans, and Michael and Robin Eberhardt of Georgia, the only other Southern Baptist missionaries on the island, were keeping a low profile.

According to new reports, the new leader named by the army, Bernard Coard, has close ties with Cuba and Russia.

Executive, two campus superintendents to leave

The executive of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes Inc. has announced he will take early retirement and two of the three campus superintendents have resigned following disclosures of "extremely low morale" among TBCH employees.

At an Oct. 11 meeting of TBCH trustees Evans B. Bowen, 63, who has been executive director-treasurer since 1976, announced plans to retire Dec. 31, 1983. At the same meeting, John Ashby, superintendent of the Franklin home, and Keith Wilson of the Memphis home tendered their resignations.

The third superintendent, Burl McMillan of the Chattanooga home, was commended by trustees for his positive attitude and the actions he is taking in response to the trustees, according to Charles Gibbs, trustee chairman and pastor of North Athens Baptist Church, Athens, Tenn.

Trustees adopted a statement: "That in all the facts and information that have been brought to our attention we wish to make clear that there is no note of immorality or moral wrongdoing. The problems have been matters of judgment and policy management. Further, we have been advised that our children are well cared for and spiritually motivated."

It also was reported following the October meeting that Ashby and Wilson found difficulty in accepting the Sept. 8 action of trustees in eliminating the educational coordinator position from their staffs. In each instance, the position was filled by the wife of the superintendent.

Both superintendents will continue their responsibilities through Dec. 31. Trustees voted to continue the salaries of their wives for a full year—through Oct. 31, 1984—even though the positions have been abolished.



sunday school lessons

H. C. Chiles
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LESSONS FOR OCT. 30, 1983

Life and Work Series
FRIENDSHIP THAT ENDURES

1 Samuel 18:3-4 David was summoned before King Saul to give an account of his slaying of Goliath. By the time David finished his report "the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David." When they entered into a covenant with each other, Jonathan took his priestly robes, his sword and his bow and gave them to David. This illustrates true love always expresses itself.

1 Samuel 19:1-3, 6-7 Saul sought to enlist the assistance of his servants, as well as of his son Jonathan in the assassination of David. Knowing David deserved to live, Jonathan urged his father not to kill him.

So skillfully and effectively did Jonathan intercede for David that Saul harkened unto him, reversed his base intention and took an oath saying, "As the Lord liveth, he shall not be slain."

1 Samuel 23:16-18 As a result of earnest praying to and complete reliance on God, David escaped death repeatedly and on each occasion Saul was disappointed sorely. His relentless pursuit drove David to the wilderness of Ziph where he continued to enjoy the presence and protection of God, who never forsakes his own.

Jonathan assured David that in due time he would be king of Israel and declared "I shall be next unto thee." He was sincere in thinking this would take place, but it never came to pass.

When Jonathan and David made a covenant before the Lord, in which each pledged his loyalty to the other, they parted without either knowing he would never see the other again. Ere long Saul and Jonathan were killed on the battlefield at Gilboa.

International Series
GOD'S GRACIOUS COVENANT

Exodus 19:5-6 God summoned Moses into his presence on Mt. Sinai and charged him to remind the Israelites he had delivered them from bondage in Egypt and chosen them for a special purpose. God's covenant with them was both a pledge to sustain and protect them and a challenge to them to be faithful in obedience to him. There were two sides to the covenant—what God would do and what the people would do.

God made it known he expected the people to respond with a prompt and cheerful obedience. Moses descended the mountain and conveyed God's message to the elders and they in turn to the people. Without any hesitation the people promptly, cheerfully and whole-

heartedly pledged themselves to do what God through Moses had commanded them. Their ratification of the covenant was commendable. God made it clear he was not obligated to honor the covenant until the people had met the conditions. In the event the people were disobedient, they would not have any right to claim or to expect the divine blessings. The agreement involved privilege and responsibility. In view of all God had done for them, they were obligated to do their part by exercising a redemptive ministry in the world.

Hebrews 8:6-13 The value of a covenant, which was an agreement between two parties and was considered binding upon both, was determined by the faithfulness of the parties involved. It is noteworthy that God's covenants were made for specific purposes.

When the Israelites refused to obey God and to be used in the redemption of others, they broke their covenant with God. God then spoke through Jeremiah about a new covenant he was going to make upon human minds and hearts. This new covenant, which was promised through Jeremiah (31:31-34), did not become operative until Christ came.

Under the new and better covenant, that which could not be achieved by human efforts was made possible by the grace, love and mercy of God. It is the privilege of God's children to have intimate fellowship with Christ. Under the new covenant every believer in Christ is a priest, and it is the task of every one to share his knowledge of God with those who do not know him.

Out of hearts of love let us do our very best in this important work!



on mission together

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REFLECTIONS OF A "NOT-BORED" EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

With this issue of Western Recorder I mark six months as executive secretary. When I officially assumed office May 1 I jumped into a "total immersion" experience. Even so, I am still experiencing the "honeymoon" graciously extended those who make new beginnings. Unlike Martha Layne Collins, I cannot claim to have visited every county in the state though my body feels like I've driven through all of them—twice! (And my family is about to put out a sign on the front door: "Welcome home stranger!") (I keep telling them and myself that things look better on the '84 calendar.

In the category of "for what it's worth," let me reflect several of many observations gleaned during these past six months: (1) My predecessor, Franklin Owen, left a solid base of goodwill, financial stability and enough administrative flexibility that proposed changes have not required blasting powder. (2) I have found to be valid the earlier statements of the search committee that "Kentucky Baptists feel good about themselves." There is a warm spirit amongst us. (3) There appear to be no issues beneath the surface of Kentucky Baptist life just waiting to explode (not true in the larger Southern Baptist Convention, which may seem paradoxical). (4) Many Kentucky Baptists seem to sense that the Lord has helped Ken-

tucky Baptists reach a new level of potential in world mission, and with that potential, some expectation. (5) A significant vitality is stirring within many laypersons in Kentucky (and SBC) Baptist life. Occasionally it appears as a frustrated vitality, perhaps heightened by expectations of lay ministry inadequately provided for in local churches. (6) Not a new reality, "unrest in the ministry" persists.

A list of possible causes seems to converge into a single impression that a considerable gap exists in the understanding and expectations the church and minister have of the role of the minister. In addition, our Baptist way of "calling a minister," while tested and sacred to us, benefit from a kind of "Robert's Rules of Order" uniformity. We all seem to agree on the principle of "autonomous calling," but the way we perform it has too often resulted in a "mismatch" or a "bad start."

My deepest concern is rooted in the reality that if church and minister are "limping," so limps our mission together at a time when we all need to be in top form! We hope to offer some help as new configurations of staff are developed.

Finally, there are too many hopeful signs to let discouragement have more than one meal at our table. And for sure, if the next six months are like the past, I'll not be carried out of here in a box marked "bored to death!"

Meet Cumberland College student



Joyce Anne Blevins

Cumberland College senior, Joyce Anne Blevins so gently talks about so great a commission from God when she says, "I've seen the need for love in children's eyes and God's love is so easy to share."

Sharing is what Joyce's life is all about. She plans to become a Baptist missionary and, through Cumberland College's involvement in Southern Baptist and Kentucky Baptist summer missions, she has already served two summers spreading God's love in New York and Greenville, South Carolina.

Joyce says, "I came to Cumberland College sight unseen and upon arrival, I felt at home, there's something about Cumberland College that you have to experience yourself. The Christian love is evident on students' faces and in their actions."

That "something" Joyce speaks of is the entire Cumberland College Christian family spirit. "I've met people from all walks of life, some are too special to ever be forgotten. There's a care and concern for people, even those you only know by face. I've grown close to students who have the same problems as I. We share one big thing—God's Love!"

There is constant sharing at Cumberland College, even between faculty and students. "The professors are willing to go overtime or spend hours explaining as long as you understand. I tend to need things spelled out in order to comprehend and the extra time could make the difference in my class grade."

Joyce, who is active in many Baptist Student Union endeavors, says that when it was time to choose a college, "I knew I wanted a small Baptist College, one that was on fire for the Lord, Cumberland fit both. Before I came I knew I wanted to do missions work and through Baptist Student Union Choir and Revival Teams and Summer Missions, I've decided on full-time Christian service."

At Cumberland, we are proud to give Joyce and the many others like her the opportunity to prepare themselves to do God's work. There are many more students like her and we have abundant opportunities for each one.

Dr. Taylor,
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Name: _____

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homes for children

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WHY AND HOW?

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Children in our care come from circumstances over which they have no control. We receive children because of homes broken by divorce; death, desertion, alcoholism and incarceration. Some children come to us because of neglect, abuse (physical, emotional or sexual) or because of parents' illness and inability to continue caring for their children.

Our purpose is to minister to children and youth from preschool age to 18 when needs arise because of family disruption. We provide both short term and long term residential group care. This care provides family-like parenting for children who have problems because of a family situation in which they can no longer live.

How does one secure our ministry? Anyone can refer a family to us. Referrals come from pastors, family, friends, neighbors, public agencies, etc. However, the placement request must always come from the custody holder. When a pastor or other person knows a situation where our ministry is needed, a call to our office (1-800-292-9440) will begin the process.

If the custody holder is other than a birth parent, custody will have been awarded by the court system. Many times a family can be helped without court or state involvement. However, it must be understood that our ministry cannot meet some children's needs, such as confinement or hospitalization. Our facilities, staff and program are prepared to serve dependent, neglected children. Call us if we can help. We are a licensed child caring agency, supported by Kentucky Baptists who love children.



clear creek comments

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NOW IS THE TIME

Recently in a chapel service at Clear Creek I was reminded of 2 Cor. 6:2 by one of our many outstanding chapel speakers. He repeatedly stressed the phrase "Now is the accepted time," and these words struck like hammer blows on my heart.

I was reminded that time is a fluid and vaporous commodity which cannot be hoarded. Time and tide wait for no man. Shakespeare speaks of "the inaudible and noiseless foot of time" and someone has said, "Time keeps all his customers still in arrears, By lending them minutes and charging them years."

Some people dread the passing of time. Lawrence Sterne, pointing to a young man's full and wavy hair, said, "Everything presses on—whilst thou art twisting that lock, see, it grows grey!" Herbert Spencer once defined time as that which man is always trying to kill, but which ends in killing him.

Christians should not be afraid of time. Time is not our enemy, for in Christ time is swallowed up in eternity. Eternal life never ends, as we shall never die. Time simply carries us toward our waiting father and eternal

home.

In Christ we are made free to live in the "now" of life. "Now" is God's accepted time in our lives. At Clear Creek Baptist School we stress activity and urgency. All of us at Clear Creek—faculty, staff and students—feel God wants us to be his active soldiers, not mere spectators.

We also feel our ministry is of an urgent nature. We want God's kingdom to extend to the ends of the earth, and we are willing to do our part. Our motto at Clear Creek is, "If not me, then who? If not here, then where? If not now, then when?" Now is the time, the only time, we can use to serve the Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

Is this the time to halt?

Is this the time, O Church of Christ
to sound
Retreat? To arm with weapons cheap
and blunt
No! rather, strengthen stakes and
lengthen cords,
Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O thou
elect,
Great things attempt for him great
things expect,
Whose love imperial is, whose power
sublime.

Charles Sumner Hoyt



oneida journal

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ONIONS IN THE MILK

Autumn is in the air. Evenings and early mornings are cool. The surrounding mountainsides are turning a beautiful rust and golden color as are the many varieties of trees on our campus.

Sweet corn from our late gardens has been gathered right up into this month of October. Yes, at about the rate of 1000 ears a day.

Aside from sweet corn, we have gathered much other food from our late gardens. We stagger the planting of our vegetables so we have them from mid-summer into autumn. We've been blessed with more rain and a better growing season than much of the state this year.

Our boys have been picking peanuts this month and gathering okra, tomatoes, bell peppers, acorn squash, butternut squash, cushaws and pump-

kins (the latter reminds us that Halloween is not far away).

Our young men have also dug hundreds of bushes of potatoes, both in our bottom land as well as on top of a beautiful mountain known as the "potato flats" to several generations of Oneidians. Fixed in a variety of ways these potatoes will help feed us into next summer.

Thousands of bales of hay have been put away and much field corn gathered to feed our beef cattle and hogs through the winter. Slop from the kitchen is taken daily to our farm and recycled through our hogs to provide more meat for our tables. At regular intervals throughout the year we will kill our beeves and hogs, which meat will be government inspected before being eaten.

As valuable as the meat and vegetables are, they are not the primary

reasons for our extensive farming operation. Our greatest crop is BOYS.

Hundreds come to us as boys. Our farm is one of the many valuable tools we have in making MEN of them. We have a farm so our boys can develop a love for the soil, can learn about farming, work with the animals and learn the difference between a bull and a cow. Many city boys really don't know.

Oneida boys have always had the farm to work on from Oneida's founding 84 years ago. In those early years nine of every 10 Americans lived in rural areas. Today that ratio is almost reversed. That fact makes our farm even more important. While a larger portion of our students are from rural backgrounds than the nation at large, the majority are now from cities. The experiences they gain on our farm are more valuable than ever.

Yes, even if we lost money on our farming operation—which, of course, we do not—we would still operate our farm. There are some things more important than dollars and cents and things that cannot be measured in such terms.

Teaching the dignity and satisfaction of manual labor close to the land helps turn boys into men.

From my four years as a dorm boy at Oneida, I have fond memories of working on the farm. I remember many

autumn days picking corn by hand and digging potatoes. I remember winter days shucking corn in the cribs and spring days stringing barbed wire fence or restretching an old one and tightening the staples. I always went home in the summer, so missed the hardest work of the year. I also missed the added muscle and great suntan gotten as a matter of course by those boys who worked.

Many Oneida boys have vivid memories of getting up at 4:30 a.m. in the dead of winter. They would eat a hearty breakfast in the kitchen while the cook and the girls breakfast crew prepared to feed the entire school. Then they would slog their way over to the farm for the early morning milking, often with nearly frozen fingers and later with milkers. The evening milking was done by a different crew.

In those days we drank great pitchers of raw milk every day and churned our own butter. That was fine unless the cows had eaten some wild onions. If so, one's cornflakes or oatmeal was not as filling as usual—for one didn't eat as much. Those happy days ended in the mid-60s with the sale of our milk cows; since then we have bought our milk and butter.

Our present farm manager, Zane Fraker, is in his sixth year of service and assistant manager Terry Forbes is beginning his second year.

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OCTOBER

24-28 SBC Regional Recreation Lab. Lake Barkley. Register with Church Recreation Dept., BSSB. Begins Monday afternoon; concludes lunch Friday

28-29 Associational Officers' Briefing. Cedarmore. Friday evening meal through lunch Saturday

NOVEMBER

4-6 International Student Conference.

Kenlake State Resort Park. Sponsor: Student Dept., KBC

5 Associational Officers' Briefing. Jonathan Creek. 9 a.m. to early afternoon. Same meeting Cedarmore, Oct. 28-29

6-12 Royal Ambassador Week. Suggestions from Brotherhood Builder and Brotherhood Dept., KBC

13 American Bible Society Day. Suggestions available from The American Bible Society, Box 5656, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10017

14-17 Kentucky Baptist Convention. Paducah, First Baptist Church

14—Executive Board Meeting and

Religious Education Association

14-15—Pastors' Conference; and Music Association Meeting

15-17—Convention in session

20 Child Care Day. Suggestions from Baptist Homes for Children, 10801 Shelbyville Rd., Middletown 40243

20-23 Foreign Missions Study. Books available from Baptist Book Store

24 Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

4-11 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas offering

A tale of four summer missionaries

by Alice L. Biskey

Ten weeks of summer missions work isn't the usual vacation college students envision, nor is it a fairytale, but a challenge in learning.

Reacting to an initial letter of placement for her summer assignment Laura L. Davis, Depauw, Ind., was shocked. "I couldn't believe I got appointed as lifeguard," she said, noting she didn't have too much confidence in her ability to lifeguard even though she is certified.

"But when I saw that nine-year-old go under the water, I knew I could do it. The Lord reaffirmed to me who I am, and that I really could do what I knew how to do."

Miss Davis, a junior at Campbellsville (Ky.) College, majoring in religious education, worked at Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly in Ohio.

The camp, covering 200 acres, is located about 20 miles from the nearest town. "It took us a half hour just to get to church," she said. "I was glad to go and work in a church where I felt utilized."

"I worked with youth and campers and loved it," Miss Davis recounted. "Seeing 40 kids a week come to know the Lord is a great experience."

Her missions assignment was coordinated through the Home Mission Board.

By the end of the fourth week of John Smith's summer, he was just getting ready to "go on the road" with Son Share Players, a Kentucky Baptist Student Union drama team.

Smith, a junior at the college with a church recreation major, found himself traveling for several weeks with four team members across Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia in a van.

"We spent the first night in a cow pasture. The next day we had to be in West Virginia, with no access to plumbing or a shower," Smith explained. "I thought 'there's got to be more to this than sleeping in a cow pasture.'"

From Mt. Juliet, Tenn., Smith had so much fun during his summer he said he



Many Campbellsville College students worked in summer missions capacities. Among those working this summer were, from left: Front row—Laura L. Davis and Ramona Pendley. Back row—Jeff Smith and John Smith. [Photo by Chris Mueller]

had to pinch himself once in awhile for assurance he wasn't dreaming.

He was impressed with the way the team members' personalities jelled as they spent nearly 24 hours a day with each other. He saw a sense of family develop with the sharing of problems and celebrations.

Smith adapted his concept of what a

missionary is, saying, "You don't have to be a martyr; you can be yourself and be a missionary. I would do it again if I had the chance."

Also placed for his assignment through the Home Mission Board, in conjunction with the Indiana Baptist Convention, Jeff Smith of Wauseon,

Oh., worked with a partner during vacation Bible school.

A second semester freshman at Campbellsville College majoring in Christian studies, Smith moved from place to place, working in a different church every week.

At the end of eight weeks, he considered it "encouraging to know we only had two weeks to go," and was anticipating going home.

By that time he noted a calm between him and his partner, saying there had been differences at first. "We got to an understanding—we agreed that we disagreed," he said.

Ramona Pendley, a senior from Madisonville, performed with Son Burst, a creative ministries team of the Kentucky Baptist Student Union. Her major is English.

She found her heart softened through her summer experience because of the people she worked with, including the Son Share Players and Son Celebration, the state team which ministers through song. "I miss those people; they always cared about me," Miss Pendley said.

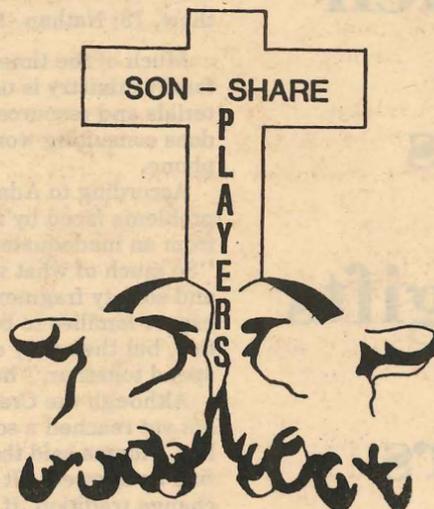
Because of an in-depth look into Ps. 139 as it speaks of us being "fearfully and wonderfully made," she gained more confidence in herself. In her words, it was "the best summer of my whole life."

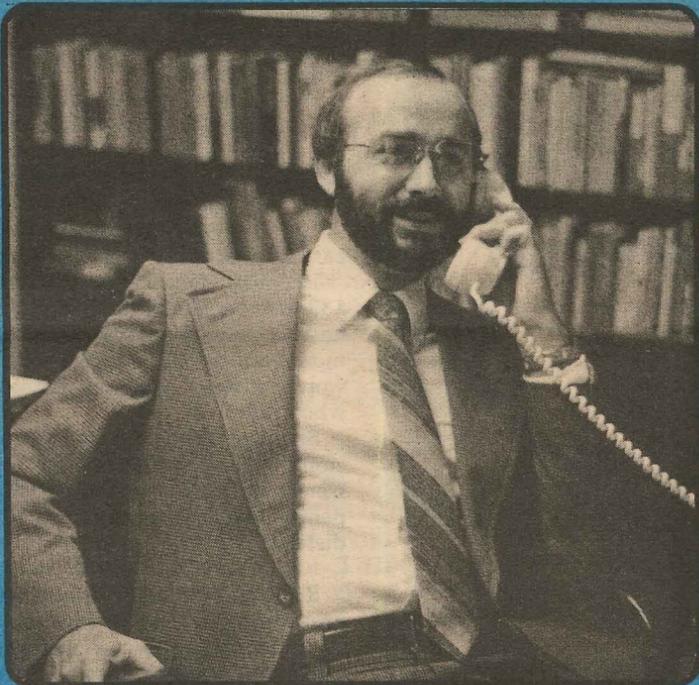
She described coming back from missions work as somewhat like returning from a fairytale to a desert land where people, even Christians, are cold and distant.

Religious life and counseling vice president Dan Flanagan, after talking to students who worked in summer missions, said they all felt very positive about their experiences.

"They had many opportunities to grow in the Lord in their walk with him," Flanagan said.

Recruitment efforts for future missions participants emphasize Flanagan's impression of what missions is all about, "one-on-one involvement."





Iowa's Sandra Bench and John Adams make gifts of their gifts as state volunteers

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Because God called me to this time and place
for this task, salary is no consideration.*

Sandra Bench

by Gail Rothwell

Sandra Bench and John Adams believe so strongly in what they are doing that they work without pay, often sacrificing personal time to fulfill volunteer commitments.

Mrs. Bench is the state music secretary and Adams coordinates the family ministry work for the Iowa Southern Baptist Fellowship.

A family specialist, Adams is pastor of Crestwood Baptist Church, Des Moines, Ia. He recently completed work on his doctorate from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., where he specialized in family ministry.

Mrs. Bench holds church music and music education degrees from Drake University, Des Moines. In addition to her volunteer work, she teaches music four days a week at a Christian school and is part time music director at the Crestwood church.

State music secretary for five years, Mrs. Bench said, "God gave me these gifts to be used for him. Because God called me to this time and place for this task, salary is no consideration."

To fulfill their various roles, Adams and Mrs. Bench devote some vacation and personal time to their state positions.

"DECIDING TO DO FAMILY WORK two years ago on the state level was not an easy decision because of the time requirements," said Adams. "But my church was very supportive, and I felt this was another way I could use my gifts to benefit others."

Adams, who usually uses vacation time to attend out-of-state training meetings, admits he does not take enough time for himself but is a devoted family man. "I believe I need to model my commitment to family for my congregation. People appreciate most that which you live out in your own life," he said. He believes in spending quality time as well as quantity time with wife Cheryl, and children Matthew, 13; Nathan, 10; and Mandy, 6.

Much of the time Adams allocates to family ministry is used to promote materials and resources; in addition he does consulting work by mail and telephone.

According to Adams, many of the problems faced by families today stem from an inadequate theological base. "So much of what we do in the church and society fragments the family. We expect families to be involved in activities, but then they don't have time to spend together," he said.

Although the Crestwood church has not yet reached a solution to this problem, Adams said they are working to find an answer. "It is very difficult to change tradition. If we are going to build in more family time at church, we are going to have to change some long-standing traditional programs," he said.

Adams voiced concern that many Southern Baptists need to redefine their traditional concepts of family. "Today, family is no longer mom, pop and two kids," he said. "Unless the church learns to accept changes in today's society we will succeed at building barriers instead of bridges."

He also spends time finding ways to help couples learn to communicate and build intimacy in all levels of their relationship. "If a couple can't even pray together, how can they communicate other needs," he said. "If we focus our attention on the needs of people our churches will experience numerical growth as a result of our caring."

AT THE AGE OF 15 Sandra Bench felt God's call to service—but she couldn't understand what she could do. "When I was growing up if you were a woman you were either a preacher's wife or a missionary. I wasn't either," she said.

It was not until 10 years ago that Mrs. Bench was able to fulfill her calling by going to Drake University and completing her music degree. Shortly thereafter she began doing volunteer work for the Iowa Fellowship.

"I believe God moved our family to Iowa to give me an opportunity to serve him," she explained.

Her husband Dan, an insurance executive, was transferred to Iowa from Texas nearly 20 years ago.

In Iowa there are only four paid music staff persons and those positions are combined with either education or youth responsibilities. Mrs. Bench estimates there are 12 part time music ministers in the state, but all other churches and missions have volunteer staff persons.

Because Southern Baptist work in Iowa is fairly new, Mrs. Bench spends a great deal of time beginning new music programs and encouraging people. "I believe God gave me the gift of being able to encourage and relate to all different age groups. I see myself as a beginner of things," she said.

Mrs. Bench said the greatest satisfaction she receives from her job is watching people grow and give their lives to serve God. That is really what my job is all about," she explained.

Mrs. Bench not only uses her talents and resources to help Southern Baptists but at the school where 70 different churches are represented she uses Sunday School Board music resources in her classes. "The resources adapt well and have been received enthusiastically by teachers, school administration, students and parents," she said.

Mrs. Bench possesses such a deep love and commitment to helping people through music that being unable to meet all the needs brings a measure of pain.

Tears welled up in her eyes as she said, "I want to give everything that I am to serve God because he has given these gifts to me."